

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A washer, comprising:

a washing tub;

a metal ion adding portion adding antimicrobial metal ions to water in the washing tub;

a treatment substance adding portion adding a treatment substance for washing to the

water in the washing tub; and

a water flow controlling portion controlling flow of water in the washing tub; and

washing tub;

a control unit that controls the metal ion adding portion, the treatment substance adding portion, and the water flow controlling portion, such that

wherein at least one of the metal ions and the treatment substance is added ~~can be added~~ to the water in the washing tub and attached to a surface of laundry in a predetermined process in a laundry washing session,

wherein the control unit controls the water flow controlling portion, such that

the predetermined process includes,

first and second powerful swirl periods and a mild swirl period, or

first and second powerful swirl periods and a still period,

wherein the mild swirl period or still period comes after the first powerful swirl period and the second powerful swirl period comes after the mild swirl period or still period, the second powerful swirl period being shorter than the first powerful swirl period, and

wherein a time of the predetermined process is longer when metal ions are added than when no metal ions are added but the treatment substance is added.